

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 15-cr-20309  
Hon. Matthew F. Leitman

v.

MICHAEL PIAR,

Defendant.

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**ORDER TO CLARIFY EXHAUSTION STATUS**

Defendant Michael Piar is currently incarcerated at Ashland FCI. On May 21, 2020, Piar filed a letter requesting that this Court consider him for compassionate release under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A). (*See Letter, ECF No. 43.*)

Under Section 3582(c)(1)(A), a defendant may not file a motion for compassionate release until “after the defendant has fully exhausted all administrative rights to appeal a failure of the Bureau of Prisons to bring a motion on the defendant’s behalf or the lapse of 30 days from the receipt of such a request by the warden of the defendant’s facility, whichever is earlier.” The exhaustion requirement in Section 3582(c)(1)(A) is “mandatory” and is not subject to any “judge-made exceptions.” *United States v. Alam*, --- F.3d ---, 2020 WL 2845694, at \*2–4 (6th Cir. June 2, 2020).

Piar’s letter does not provide the Court with enough information to determine whether he has met this exhaustion requirement. Therefore, the Court hereby

**DIRECTS** Piar to file a supplement to his letter that informs the Court whether he has submitted a written request for compassionate release to the warden at Ashland FCI. If Piar has submitted a written request for compassionate release to the warden at Ashland FCI, then Piar shall also inform the Court of the date on which he submitted the request, whether the warden responded to the request, and the date of the warden's response (if any).

If Piar has not submitted a request for compassionate release to the warden, then the Court will dismiss his current filing (ECF No. 43) without prejudice. In that event, Piar would be permitted to refile a motion seeking compassionate release upon exhausting his remedies.

The Court advises Piar that – if he has not already done so – he should submit a request for compassionate release to the warden at Ashland FCI if he wishes to file a later motion for compassionate release in this Court. Submitting a request to the warden is the first step in the process of seeking compassionate release, and making the request will permit Piar (after he has either exhausted his administrative remedies or waited 30 days after the warden received his request) to file a motion for compassionate release in this Court.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/Matthew F. Leitman  
MATTHEW F. LEITMAN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: June 26, 2020

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon the parties and/or counsel of record on June 26, 2020, by electronic means and/or ordinary mail.

s/Holly A. Monda

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